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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Health Directors

FROM: Mark T. Benton, Assistant Secretary for Public Health
Yvonne Copeland, Division Director, Division of Child and Family Well-Being

DATE: February 1, 2022

SUBJECT: Consolidated Agreement and Related Materials for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

On behalf of the North Carolina Divisions of Public Health (DPH) and Child and Family Well-Being (DCFW), please accept our thanks and appreciation for the work you and your teams perform every day on behalf of the citizens of North Carolina. That's especially true as we enter our third year responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. We owe a great deal to our local health departments who are on the 'front lines' of keeping the public safe and healthy in this pandemic and in countless other ways.

As you know, the annual Consolidated Agreement (with accompanying Agreement Addenda or "AAs") is the primary mechanism that DPH uses to: (1) provide state and federal funding to local health departments; and (2) identify any applicable expectations or requirements tied to those funds.

This year's Consolidated Agreement looks quite different from those used in previous years. That's because the Agreement reflects the establishment of the new Division of Child and Family Well-Being, the programs it will oversee and, as such, the responsibilities it will now have to local health departments. As a reminder, DCFW is responsible for all nutrition programs, such as WIC and SNAP, a range of prevention services for children, children's mental health services, and NC's Early Intervention Program/Infant-Toddler Program. That's why some of the AAs under this Consolidated Agreement will be administered through DCFW.

DPH and DCFW will continue to provide local technical assistance and consultation in our respective areas. We both recognize that our success is tied to and a reflection of your success at the local level, which is why we remain committed to working together at all levels to strengthen our long-standing partnerships and make North Carolina a healthier place to live, work, play, and visit.

As a reminder, the "Track Changes" version of the FY 2022-2023 Consolidated Agreement was provided via email to local health directors on Wednesday, December 15, 2021. The list of significant changes has been updated and is included with this memo. Consolidated Agreement and Agreement Addendum, once signed, must be forwarded to the DPH Contracts Office by

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email to Adrienne.Gilliatt@dhhs.nc.gov. DPH will be responsible for forwarding the appropriate documents to DCFW. No payments will be made for any Activity for the new fiscal year until the signed Consolidated Agreement and the Agreement Addendum for that Activity have been received by the DPH Contracts Office. For those Activities that have negotiable Agreement Addenda, those Agreement Addenda also will need to be signed by the DPH Program before payments will be made for those specific Activities.

If your agency intends to decline a specific Activity/AA, the agency's health director must provide a letter to the DPH Contracts Office, which states the reason for declining the specific AA's funds. Do not sign and return that Activity/AA.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Beth Lovette, Deputy Director/Section Chief for Local and Community Support. Thank you, again, for your continued hard work for public health in North Carolina!

Enclosures:

Summary of changes in the Consolidated Agreement from FY 2021/2022 to FY 2022/2023

Memo (as an email message) from Adrienne Gilliatt with guidance for reviewing, signing, and returning these agreements to the North Carolina Division of Public Health (DPH)

Consolidated Agreement

Agreement Addenda (AAs)

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